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SUBJECT: CFDT MOVES ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR SCENE

1. THE FRENCH SOCIALIST-ORIENTED CFDT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS MADE PUBLIC THE SUBSTANCE OF A POLICY RESOLUTION IT ADOPTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE APRIL 25-28 WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (WCL) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE STATEMENT PROCEEDS FROM THE POINT THAT IT IS NO SECRET THAT THE CFDT IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING WHETHER OR NOT TO REMAIN AFFILIATED WITH THE WCL. THE CFDT POLICY STATEMENT THEN GOES ON TO STATE THAT, IN THE FACE OF THE CHALLENGE POSED BY MULTINATIONAL CAPITALISM, THE UNIONS MUST RESTRUCTURE THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR MOVEMENT ALONG NEW, UNIFIED LINES. IT CITES, APPROVINGLY, THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC), WITH THE CGT AS AN APPLICANT MEMBER, AS ONE OF THE KINDS OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT IS NEEDED.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, CFDT ATTACKS THE WCL'S PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR INABILITY TO

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FUNCTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD, AND STATES THAT THE WCL'S WILLINGNESS TO REORGANIZE THE PROFESSIONAL GROUPS IS "ALMOST ESSENTIAL" (TO WHAT IS NOT SAID). IT GOES ON TO DECLARE, HOWEVER, THAT THE WCL COULD PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT A DIALOGUE AMONGST ALL THE DIFFERENT LABOR GROUPS, INCLUDING THE ICFTU, AND WONDERS ALOUD IF THE WILL TO TAKE

THIS KIND OF ACTION WILL MANIFEST ITSELF AT THE MEETING, ELSEWHERE DESCRIBED AS THE LAST IMPORTANT ONE BEFORE THE OCTOBER 1977 WCL CONGRESS.

3. THERE IS OBVIOUSLY MUCH TO READ BETWEEN THE LINES IN THE CFDT POLICY STATEMENT. PERHAPS AN EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT READING OF WHAT IS AFOOT IS TO BE FOUND IN THE CLAIM BY THE CFDT (IN ITS WEEKLY JOURNAL) THAT IT WAS REPRESENTED (BY THREE INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS MOREAU AND ROLANT) AT THE RECENT OSLO MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PARTIES AND TRADE UNIONS. THE CFDT PIECE DOES NOT STATE IN WHAT CAPACITY THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS WERE PRESENT AT THE OSLO MEETING.
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